

Aaron Kosminski

In the matter of Jack the Ripper



Aaron Kosminski was born in Russian Poland in 1865 and died in 1919 in England. He was a Jew. He came to England in 1882 to escape the pogroms. He was a barber in London while the Ripper murders occurred. In July 1890, he was sent for treatment at the Mile End infirmary because of a mental illness. Kosminski was also suspected to be Jack the Ripper because he lived near the place where the murders took place. In 1894, he was seen by a witness in the Whitechapel area. Russel Eward said in a book that Aaron Kosminski was certainly the murderer. Analysis on a shawl found near the victim uncovered DNA evidence and this was cross-referenced with the DNA of a living descendant of Aaron Kosminski. The results were positive but many questions are left unanswered about the identity of the murderer.

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